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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

In the Matter of Proposed Revision of Wis. Admin Code ch. PSC
114 as Wisconsin State Electrical Code, Volume 1

1-AC-206

NOTICE OF HEARING

Hearing Date:	Friday, October 11, 2002 – 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Location:	Pecatonica River Conference Room (Lower Level), Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

The Commission proposes to amend by repeal and recreation ch. PSC 114 Wis. Admin. Code, relating to rules concerning electric safety-Revision of Volume 1 of the Wisconsin State Electrical Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held beginning on Friday, October 11, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pecatonica River Conference Room (Lower Level) at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

**ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WISCONSIN**

Statutory authority: ss.196.74 and 227.11(2),
Stats. Statute interpreted: s.196.74

By letter dated October 9, 2001, the Commission appointed an advisory committee pursuant to s. 227.13, Stats., to review and submit recommendations for updating Volume 1 of the Wisconsin State Electrical Code. This part of the Code is administered by the Commission.

Volume 1 has been and is based on the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), which is also known as American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2. In 1979, 1982, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994, and 1997, the Commission adopted the 1977, 1981, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, and 1997 editions of the NESC, respectively, with certain changes, deletions and additions.

The 2002 edition of the NESC was recently issued, and a corresponding revision of Volume 1 is now desired to reflect the latest national code, correct existing deficiencies, and make other changes, as necessary, to update and improve the state code. The rules in ch. PSC 114 Wis. Admin. Code deal with safety requirements for the installation, operation, and maintenance of primarily outdoor electric supply and communications lines and facilities used by utilities, including electric and telephone suppliers, railroads, and cable television providers.

A statement of scope on this rule was approved by the Commission on July 3, 2001, and was published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register on July 31, 2001. Meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee were held on October 31, 2001, December 4, 2001, January 23, 2002, and February 5, 2002.

INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Utilities and others subject to the proposed rules, including municipally-owned electric utilities that serve in rural areas, may experience modest increases in the cost of new rural distribution construction due to the proposed increased requirements for grounding rural lines. The proposed rules will have no effect on small business.

FISCAL ESTIMATE

This rule has no fiscal impact. A completed Fiscal Estimate form is attached.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Mohammed Monawer at (608) 267-7778. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may also use the Commission's TTY number: (608) 267-1479.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

David C. Whitcomb
Administrative Law Judge

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